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SUBJ: SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY 'UNEASY' OVER PRC MOVES IN MARKET

SOURCE: SEOUL YONHAP IN ENGLISH 0101 GMT 25 NOV 92
TEXT:

(TEXT) SEUL, NOV. 25 (YONHAP) -- SOUTH KOREAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURERS ARE UNEASY AT CHINA'S MOVES TO BUY LARGE AMOUNTS OF

SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES OVER THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS.

INDUSTRY SOURCES SAID THAT CHINA'S PLAN TO PURCHASE 2 BILLION U. S. DOLLARS OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT WAS CONFIRMED AT THE INTERNATIONAL SEMICONDUCTOR CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, LAST WEEK.

CHINA SENT THREE BUYING TEAMS TO AMERICA IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND IT IS UNKNOWN IF THEY SIGNED CONTRACTS.

TECHNOLOGY, IT HAS HIGHLY DEVELOPED BASIC SCIENCE AND RECORDED HIGH ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RECENT YEARS. CHINA COULD BE A MAJOR

SEMICONDUCTOR EXPORTING COUNTRY WITHIN A DECADE, THE SOURCES SAID.
CHINA HAS A HUGE TRADE SURPLUS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND ENOUGH
MONEY TO SHOP FOR THE BEST TECHNOLOGY. IF CHINA MAKES SEMICONDUCTOR
PRODUCTS WITH THE IMPORTED EQUIPMENT, THE KOREAN SEMICONDUCTOR
INDUSTRY WILL BE THREATENED, THEY SAID.

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